



## STERILIZED EMBOLIC COMPOSITIONS

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/450,289, filed February 26, 2003; No. 60/461,177, filed April 7, 2003; No. 60/451,310, filed February 27, 2003; 60/461,290, filed April 7, 2003; No. 60/450,626, filed February 26, 2003; No. 60/461,289, filed April 7, 2003; No. 60/450,288, filed February 26, 2003; No. 60/451,228, filed February 27, 2003; No. 60/461,288, filed April 7, 2003; No. 60/461,283, filed April 7, 2003 which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### Field of the Invention

[0002] This invention is directed to methods for sterilizing embolic compositions under conditions wherein the sterilized composition exhibits a minimal change in its thixotropic behavior.

[0003] This invention is also directed to sterilized embolic compositions wherein the sterilized composition exhibits a minimal change in its thixotropic behavior as compared to composition prior to sterilization.

### References

[0004] The following publications are cited and/or referenced in this application as superscript numbers:

- <sup>1</sup> Greff, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,851,508, *Compositions for Use in Embolizing Blood Vessels*, issued December 22, 1998.
- <sup>2</sup> Whalen II, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,645,167, *Methods for Embolizing Vascular Sites with an Embolic Composition*, issued November 11, 2003.
- <sup>3</sup> Whalen, II, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,531,111, *High Viscosity Embolizing Compositions*, issued March 11, 2003.